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FORMED AND ITS MEMBERS AND THE NEW PRIME MINISTER  
NOMINATED ACCORDING TO DRM CONSTITUTION

1. ACCORDING TO DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR'S (DRM) CONSTITUTION, MADAGASCAR'S NEW SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE REVOLUTION (SCR) HAS BEEN FORMED AND ITS MEMBERS AND NEW CONSTITUTIONAL PRIME MINISTER HAVE BEEN NOMINATED. PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY THE NEW NOMINATIONS BEFORE THE POPULAR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS, MANY CIVILIAN DIGNITARIES AND HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS AND THE NEWSMEN, AT HIS STATE PALACE OF AMBOHITSOROHITRA, SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 31, 1977. HE ALSO DECLARED THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD BE FORMED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BY THURSDAY, AUGUST 4.

2. THE NEW PRIME MINISTER, MEMBER OF THE SCR BY RIGHT, IS GENDARMERIE LT. COLONEL DESIRE RAKOTOARIJAONA, FORMER FINANCE MINISTER UNDER LATE HEAD OF STATE RATSIMANDRAVA'S GOVERNMENT AND THE MILITARY DIRECTORATE FOLLOWING THE LATTER'S DEATH. LT. COLONEL RAKOTOARIJAONA HAS BEEN A CONSTANT MEMBER OF THE SCR SINCE JUNE 15, 1975, UNDER THE PRESENT UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AND UNDER LATE PRIME MINISTER COLONEL JOEL RAKOTOMALALA AND THE OUTGOING PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN RAKOTONIAINA SUCCESSIVE GOVERNMENTS.

3. THE SCR IS NOW COMPOSED OF EIGHTEEN MEMBERS AGAINST THIRTEEN, INCLUDING FORMER PRIME MINISTER, FOR THE OUTGOING PROVISIONAL COUNCIL. TWO THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS WERE

DIRECTLY APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT, AS STIPULATED BY THE COUNTRY'S CONSTITUTION, WHILE THE REMAINING ONE THIRD WERE SELECTED BY THE PRESIDENT FROM THIRTY-SIX CANDIDATES PROPOSED BY THE POPULAR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (6 FROM EACH OF THE 6 PROVINCES). THE PRESIDENT'S TWELVE DIRECT NOMINEES ARE: OUTGOING PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN RAKOTONIAINA, COLONEL MAMPILA JAONA, MR. ARSENE RATSIFEHERA, MR. MORA ETIENNE MR. MARO RAYMOND, MR. SAMBSON GILBERT, MAJOR FERDINAND JAOTOMBO, CAPTAINS JEAN DE DIEU RANDRIATANANY AND MAX MARSON, ALL NINE RENEWED FROM THE PREVIOUS PROVISIONAL THIRTEEN-MEMBER SCR; THE FOLLOWING THREE ARE NEW: MR. CHARLES RAVAOJANAHARY, LT. COLONEL FIAKARA, AND MR. MANANDAFY RAKOTONIRINA, MR. RAVAOJANAHARY HAS BEEN THE PRESIDENT'S AREMA PARTY LEADER AND HIS POLITICAL ADVISOR AND MR. RAKOTONIRINA THE LEADER OF THE EXTREME LEFTIST PROLETARIAT PARTY MFM/MFT. THE OTHER SIX NEW SCR MEMBERS SELECTED BY THE PRESIDENT FROM THE POPULAR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES ARE: MR. NORBERT RANDRIAMORASATA SOLO(LEADER OF THE UDECMA, THE MALAGASY CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT UNION PARTY), MR. RAZANABAHINY MAROJAMA JEROME (LEADER OF VONJY IRAY TSY MIVAKY, NATIONAL UNION PARTY), AND MR. ANDRIAMANJATO RICHARD MAHITSISON (LEADER OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY AKFM/KDRSM), MR. RAKOTONANAHARY DESIRE, MR. KOTO ROBERT, AND MR. RAMANANT-SALAMA. ALL THE MAJOR REVOLUTIONARY PARTIES MEMBERS OF THE FRONT FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION ARE REPRESENTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE LEADERS.

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4. AS REPORTED IN OFFICIAL MALAGASY NEWS BULLETIN "TARATRA ANTA," THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT ONE MUST TAKE CARE NOT TO CATEGORIZE PEOPLE WITH RIGHTIST OR LEFTIST LABELS AND, SPEAKING OF WHAT THE CHOICE OF HIS COLLABORATORS WAS BASED ON, HE DECLARED." "LE SEUL CRITERE DU JUGEMENT EST L'EFFICACITE, SINON, JE M'EN SEPRE." THEN THE PRESIDENT ADDED THAT HIS CHOICE WAS BASED ON TWO CRITERIA: "LIDENTITE IDEOLOGIQUE OU LA FIDELITE. RIEN NE SERT DE PRENDRE DES COLLABORATEURS, MEME DE GAUCHE, SI ON PREVOIT QU'ILS PEUVENT METTRE DES BATONS DANS VOS ROUES. MAIS, QUAND BIEN MEME ON A CHOISI DES BOURGEOIS NATIONALISTES COMME COLLABORATEURS, TOUT VA BIEN TANT QU'ILS VOUS RESTENT FIDELES, VOUS VOUEUT UNE CONFIANCE RECIPROQUE. AUTANT QUE POSSIBLE, IL EST MIEUX DE POUVOIR FAIRE LA SYNTHESE DES DEUX POSSIBILITES."

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